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RESPONSE UNDER
37 CFR 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

EXAMINING GROUP 1641

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Berend HOUWEN, *et al.*

Serial No. 09/058,323

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Examiner: Gailene R. Gabel

Art Unit: 1641

For: **PROCESS FOR DISCRIMINATING AND
COUNTING ERYTHROBLASTS**

New York, New York
March 19, 2004

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 19, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response shortened statutory period for response. Applicants request a one-month extension of time to respond, and provide herewith the requisite fee therefor. 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Accordingly, this response, is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before March 19, 2004. 37 C.F.R. §1.8.

If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.